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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

A quick response to your letter of August 14. Clark was quoting from Carl Hansen's pamphlet. My statement is based on the Fall 1966 testing of pupils in grades 4, 6, 9 and 11-- using STEP Reading and Mathematics and SCAT. Comparable data are not available since the testing programs have changed over the years. The fact is that the District achievement has not been adequately studied and test data have been badly handled and misused.

As for the second query, except for an indirect contact in June 1966 when Hobsen tried to get an injunction against the Board having the study done, I have had absolutely no contact with the case. I was subpoenaed to testify on the matter of granting the injunction but Judge Wright dismissed the subpoena when I could not be present 24 hours after it was served since I had other commitments here in New York City. I was not asked to testify by either the plaintiff or the defendant; the Judge asked for nothing from me. Much of what Judge Wright includes in his decision ~~a good deal of~~ material submitted by Hobsen's lawyer as "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law". Much of this material is taken verbatim. I agree that the decision should have been appealed on many grounds whether one concurs or not with the intent of the decree.

Sincerely,



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Professor of Education

*Sorry for many responses
but both secretaries are
working on the report.*